

**MUSHOBEKWA Kalimba wa Katana**  
(Phonetic: mooshohbekWAH)

*Ambassador to the United States  
(since July 1988)*

Mushobekwa Kalimba wa Katana is a veteran diplomat and former Cabinet officer. He knows Washington well, having served as counselor at the Embassy during 1970-73. He served as Ambassador to China during 1982-85 with concurrent accreditation to Vietnam, North Korea, and Thailand.

Mushobekwa was born on 12 January 1943 in the east central region of Kivu. In the 1960s he received a law degree from the University of Paris and a degree in diplomacy from the International Institute of Public Administration in that same city. He began his civil service career in 1969 with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. After several diplomatic assignments, he twice served as Minister of Transport and Communications (1977-79 and 1980-81); in the interim he was Minister of Public Works and Territorial Maintenance. He subsequently served as Minister of Public Health (1985-86) and then as Minister of Commerce (1986-87). He was Ambassador to Belgium with concurrent accreditation to the other Benelux countries and the European Community, during 1987-88.

Mushobekwa enjoys playing tennis and Ping-Pong. In addition to fluent French, he speaks English well. He and his wife, Namwezi, have six children.



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